ELIZABETH DREW INTERVIEWING ADM. THOMAS H. MOORER

**NUMBER ONE?** Several months ago, Elizabeth Drew who writes for "The Atlantic" magazine and conducts interviews for the National Public Affairs Center for Television, engaged in the following dialogue with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff:

**DREW:** You mentioned in your opening remarks the will of the American people. Are you concerned that perhaps one of the affects of the Vietnam war and the period we've been through is that the people might lack the will to provide an adequate defense or meet some international military needs?

**MOORER:** ...I think that in some areas the people are willing to stand back and let someone else compete but I also think that--and I think this is particularly pertinent with respect to the young people --that it's mandatory for countries such as ours, that has all the blessings and all of the resources and all of the know-how, to move forward and compete and be number one.

**DREW:** Number one, militarily?

**MOORER:** Number one in every area, number one in sports, number one in industry, number one militarily, number one across the board.

**DREW:** Why?

**MOORER:** Because--do you want to be number two?

**DREW:** Well, I don't mind in some cases.

**MOORER:** Well, that's where we disagree.

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